



**Date: April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

**Location: West Virginia National Guard Readiness Center**

**Wood County Regional Airport, Parkersburg, WV**

*Map Attached*

**Times: Registration 7:30 to 8:00 AM**

**Exercise Begins: 8:00 AM Terminates: 4:00 PM**

**Audience - *Operation Spring Storm*** has been designed as a “*Whole Community*” exercise and the following are encouraged to participate: Intelligence (*Fusion Centers*), Epidemiologists, Physicians, Medical Laboratories, Healthcare, Public Health, Amateur and Emergency Communications, Media, OES/EMA, 911 Centers, City/County Administration, Mass Care/Sheltering Organizations, Special Populations/Mental Health Support Agencies, Law Enforcement, Fire, EMS, CERT, MRC and similar volunteers, Medical Examiners, Military, Public and Private Schools/Colleges and Universities, Funeral Directors, Churches/Religious Organizations, Industry *and* Business.

***Operation Spring Storm*** will be a facilitated enhanced table-top exercise that is based on a realistic series of events(s) that will be delivered progressively during the exercise. This method of delivery has been chosen to allow individual organizations to test and evaluate their planning relative to command and control (*ICS*), notification, public information, analysis, *COOP*, communication, sheltering, medical diversion and other areas usually required as “*deliverables*”. In addition to being able to test their ability to function within operational plans, participants will be challenged to collaborate, communicate and cooperate with other participants, both within

their areas of operation, and across the “*Whole Community*” of participants to achieve a “*unified*” response as the exercise unfolds.

***Public Information and Media:*** During the course of the exercise, individuals designated to serve as Public Information Officers will have the opportunity to hone their skills while working within their organizations to develop both written and oral materials appropriate for delivery to specific groups as well as the general public. Additionally, as the exercise progresses, individual agency PIO’s will find the need to combine their knowledge and skills to implement a “*Joint Information Center*” to develop appropriate written and oral information to be presented to select groups as well as the “*general*” public. As part of this portion of the exercise, individual and/or participants within the “*Joint Information Center*” will be tasked to deliver developed information to the “*general public*” including the opportunity to practice in response to media and public generated questions.

***Operation Spring Storm*** is being offered to achieve two primary goals:

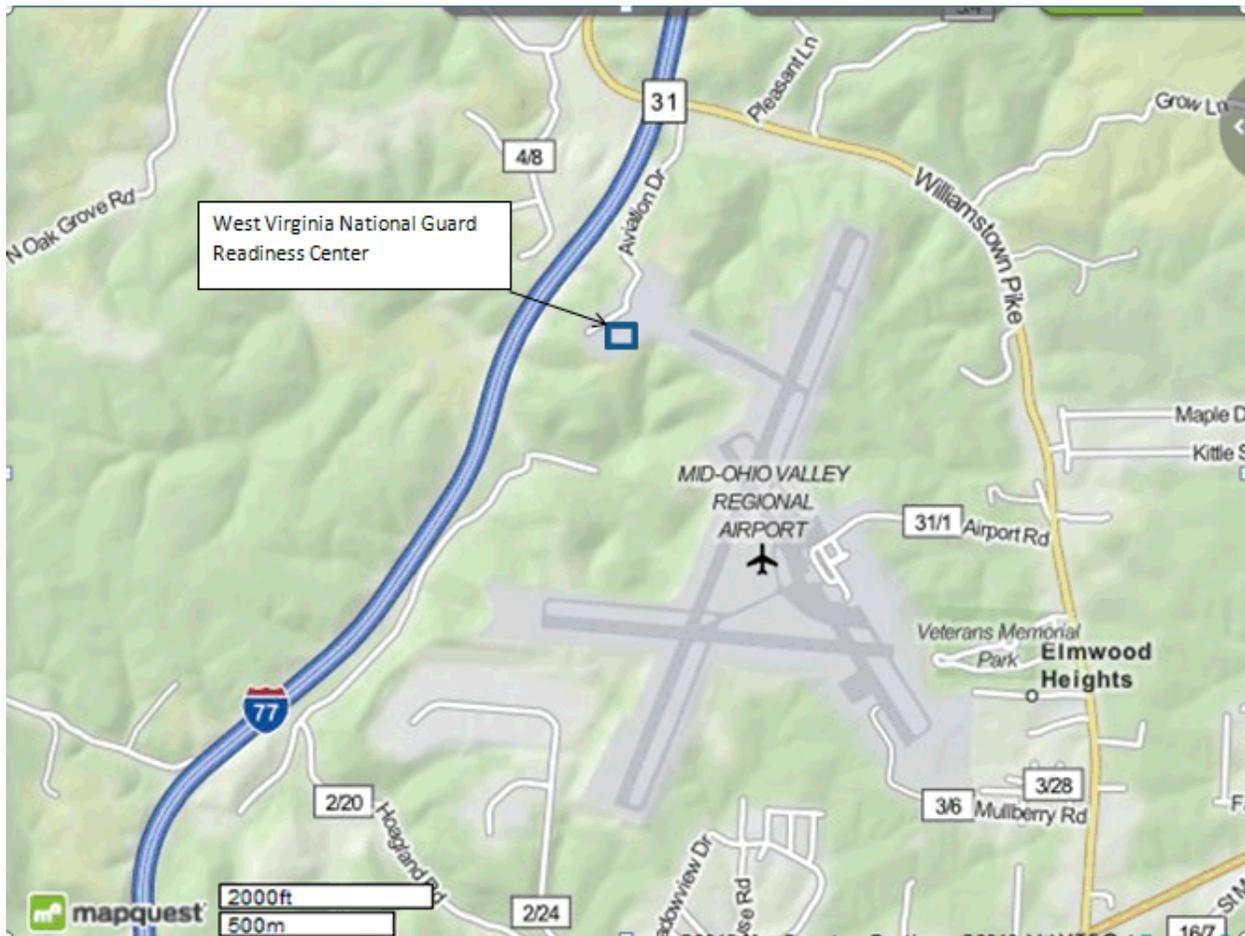
- 1) To provide a realistic scenario in which individuals, agencies and organizations can test their plans and ability to detect, respond to and manage a significant emergency;
- 2) To assist individuals, agencies and organizations to reach over traditional walls or operational barriers to other “*Whole Community*” organizations to achieve a collaborative joint response thru the use of effective communications and in a cooperative manner develop appropriate response plans and implement those plans in the most effective and efficient ways possible to serve individuals placed in harms way by such emergency.

***Note:*** Exercise participants wishing to evaluate their agencies response will be asked to do their own AAR related to issues they test. Several exercise evaluation templates will be available to assist you. An overall exercise AAR will be completed by the Mid-Ohio Valley Health Department.

Parties interested in attending ***Operation Spring Storm*** should fill out the attached registration form and return no later than **2:00 PM Friday April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013**. Advanced registration is required to assure that adequate room is provided for all attendees and to have an accurate count since breakfast and lunch will be provided **free** of charge to all participants.

***Operation Spring Storm*** is being hosted and presented by the Mid-Ohio Valley Health Department and it’s Regional Threat Preparedness Unit and is **FREE** to all participants.

The Mid-Ohio Valley Health Department and it’s Regional Threat Preparedness Unit would like to express its sincere gratitude to the West Virginia National Guard for the use of it’s wonderful facilities in support of this exercise.



### Driving Instructions:

**From Williamstown, WV:** Exit the **Williamstown I-77 EXIT** travel toward Williamstown, **TURN LEFT** onto **Rt. 31 (Williamstown Pike)** sign indicating direction to **AIRPORT**. Remain on Williamstown Pike, just after passing under I-77 on Williamstown Pike, **TURN RIGHT** onto **Aviation Drive**. After passing thru facilities security gate, **TURN LEFT**. The **WV National Guard Readiness Center** will be on your right, parking lot ahead.

**From I-77/Rt. 2 Interchange,** proceed **North** on **Rt. 2**, **TURN LEFT** onto **Williamstown Pike (Rt. 31)** toward Williamstown. Proceed on **Rt. 31** to just prior to **Rt. 31/I-77 overpass**, **TURN LEFT** onto **Aviation Drive**. After passing thru facilities security gate, **TURN LEFT**. The **WV National Guard Readiness Center** will be on your right, parking lot ahead.

**Operation Spring Storm:**

**Registration Form:**

**Last Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**First Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Agency Represented:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Street Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_

**State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Any required special accommodations:** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL Form to:** [jim.a.rose@wv.gov](mailto:jim.a.rose@wv.gov) or [Kristine.I.green@wv.gov](mailto:Kristine.I.green@wv.gov)

**Fax to:** 304-485-7499

**Mail to:** Mid-Ohio Valley Health Department

**Regional Threat Preparedness Unit**

**211 Sixth Street, Parkersburg, WV 26101**

**All Registrations are requested to be submitted by: 2:00 PM**

**Friday April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013**